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7	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8	DISTRICT OF NEVADA
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10	ALI SAREH, an individual) Case No.:
11	Plaintiff,
12	vs.
13	FARMERS INSURANCE EXCHANGE, d/b/o/ FARMERS; and DOES 1 X in alusius
	d/b/a/ FARMERS; and DOES 1-X, inclusive,) and ROE CORPORATIONS I-X, inclusive,)
14 15	Defendants.
16	PETITION FOR REMOVAL
17	TO: THE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
18	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEVADA:
19	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant/Petitioner, Farmers Insurance Exchange
20	(hereinafter "Defendant"), and through their attorneys, The Feldman Firm, hereby removes the
21	State action described herein to Federal Court. The grounds for removal are as follows:
22	1. On August 1, 2017, an action was commenced in the Eighth Judicial District Court,
23	Clark County, Nevada, entitled "Ali Sareh vs. Farmers Insurance Exchange, d/b/a Farmers and
24	Does 1-X, inclusive, and Roe Corporations I-X, inclusive; Case No. A-17-759300-C.
25	2. A copy of all process, pleadings and orders served upon Defendant Farmers
26	Insurance Exchange in the State Court action are attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
27	3. This Petition is filed timely pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446(b).
28	4. This action is a civil action of which this Court has diversity jurisdiction under the

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provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1332 and 28 U.S.C. §2201, and is one which may be removed to this Court by Petitioner pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1441(b).

- There is a diversity of citizenship between Plaintiff Ali Sareh, and the insuring entity, Defendant Farmers Insurance Exchange. Defendant is informed and believes that Plaintiff. Ali Sareh was and still is a citizen of the State of Nevada. Defendant Farmers Insurance Exchange was at the time of the filing of this action, and still is a corporation incorporated in the State of California.
- 6. The matter in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00. In addition to Plaintiff seeking damages in an amount in excess of \$30,000.00 under the uninsured/underinsured portion of the policy of insurance with Mid-Century Insurance Company (See Complaint, p.3, enumerated paragraphs 12-13, attached hereto as Exhibit 2; Demand Letter from Plaintiff's counsel, Geoffrey W. Hawkins, Esq., dated November 7, 2016, p. 1, ¶ 3, seeking policy limits, attached here as Exhibit 3) (which has \$30,000.00 in underinsured motorist limits per person/\$60,000.00 for each occurrence (<u>Id.</u>)), Plaintiff seeks general damages for Breach of Contract for an amount in excess of \$15,000.00; Breach of The Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing damages in an amount in excess of \$15,000.00; Bad Faith damages in an amount in excess of \$15,000.00; Unfair Practices in Settling Claims damages in an amount in excess of \$15,000.00; special damages in excess of \$15,000.00; punitive damages in excess of \$15,000.00; and attorneys' fees and costs (See Complaint, Exhibit 2, p. 3, enumerated ¶ 16, p. 4, enumerated ¶ 26, p. 5, enumerated ¶ 32, p. 6, enumerated ¶ 38, p. 6, Prayer for Relief, enumerated items 1-4). When considered in the aggregate, the amount sought by Calhoun in the case at bar exceeds the \$75,000.00 jurisdictional limit at issue. Given those claims against this national insurance company, it is clear that Plaintiff is seeking punitive damages in excess of \$75,000.00.
- 7. Defendant was served through the Nevada Division of Insurance on August 8, 2017. (See Exhibit 1).
- 8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446, a copy of this Petition for Removal is being filed with the Clerk of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, and is further served on all parties hereto.

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9. Defendant Farmers Insurance Exchange will also timely file a Notice of 1 Removed Action in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, a true and correct 2 3 copy of which is attached as Exhibit 4, 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d). 4 **JURY DEMAND** 5 Defendant Farmers Insurance Exchange demands a trial by jury on all issues appropriate 6 for jury determination. 7 WHEREFORE, Defendant Farmers Insurance Exchange hereby removes the State action 8 now pending against it in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, Case No. 9 A-17-759300-C, to this Court. 10 day of September, 2017. DATED this/ 11 THE FELDMAN FIRM 12 13 David J. Feldman, Esq. 14 Nevada Bar No. 5947 8845 West Flamingo Rd., Suite 210 15 Las Vegas, Nevada 89147 Telephone: (702) 949-5096 16 Facsimile: (702) 949-5097 17 dfeldman@feldmangraf.com Attorneys for Defendant 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
2	I, the undersigned, hereby certify that on the day of September, 2017, I mailed
3	a true and correct copy of the foregoing PETITION FOR REMOVAL in a sealed envelope with
4	postage fully prepaid addressed to the following:
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